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Subject: RE: Administrator Blurbs for the Weekly - Upcoming Actions - Pant Regulator Guidance

Anne:

Please review.

Russ

Federal Register Notice of Availability to Open a Comment Period for the Re-Proposal of the Guidance on Plant Regulator Products and Claims, including Plant Biostimulants.

By September 30, 2020, OCSPP plans to publish in the Federal Register a Notice of Availability for a 30-day comment period on the Guidance on Plant Regulator Products and Claims, including Plant Biostimulants. The guidance, originally proposed for public comment in March 2019, has been updated based on 161 substantive comments received between March and July 2019. The updated guidance was developed from the public comments received on the original draft. The update and re-proposal of the guidance was delayed permitting USDA, in consultation with EPA, to complete its Report to Congress on Plant Biostimulant Products that was mandated by the 2018 Farm Bill. The USDA report was completed in December 2019. To date, Congress has not taken any action on the report. This guidance is intended to establish which biological substances and mixtures, and associated product label claims are or are not considered to be plant regulators by the Agency and, therefore, subject to regulation under FIFRA as pesticides. The Notice of Availability will establish a 30-day public comment period. OCSPP is seeking input from stakeholders, including industry, trade groups, law firms, private citizens, and State regulators. Prior to publication in the Federal Register, the guidance will undergo interagency review by OMB.